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SUBJECT: VISITS TO INDIA OF TANZANIAN PRIME MINISTER KAWAWA
AND ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA

BEGIN SUMMARY: AS PART OF A CONTINUING SERIES OF VISITS BY
AFRICAN LEADERS TO INDIA, TANZANIAN PRIME MINISTER KAWAWA
VIEJTING INDIA FROM JANUARY 15 TO 22 FOLLOWED BY ZAMBIAN
PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA FROM JANUARY 23 TO 27. BOTH LEADERS
HELD TALKS WITH MRS. GANDHI AND KAWAWA TOURED INDIAN
INDUSTRIAL AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. KAUNDA, WHO WAS AWARDED
THE NEHRU PRIZE FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, ALSO ATTENDED
THE SIGNING OF THREE ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL, AND CULTURAL
AGREEMENTS, PLUS A PROTOCOL PLEDGING FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE AGREEMENTS. ON THE POLITICAL SIDE, BOTH VISITS RESULTED
IN JOINT COMMUNIQUEES REFLECTING STANDARD THIRD WORLD RHETORIC.
END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE VISITS
OF KAWAWA AND KAUNDA ARE PART OF AN ONGOING ATTEMPT TO
INCREASE INDIAN TRADE WITH BLACK AFRICA. THE INDIA ARE
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TRYING TO CONVINCE THE AFRICANS THAT INDIA IS AN APPROPRIATE

ALTERNATIVE TO TRADITIONAL EUROPEAN SUPPLIERS. WITH TANZANIA, INDIA HOPES TO WORK THROUGH THE MECHANISM OF THE JOINT COMMISSION, WHICH WAS CREATED DURING THE VISIT OF KAWAWA. INDIA AND TANZANIA AGREED TO MAKE SPECIAL EFFORTS IN THE FIELDS OF FISHERIES, OIL AND MINERAL EXPLORATION, AND TRAINING OF TECHNICAL PERSONNEL. INDIA HAS ALREADY MADE INROADS IN TANZANIA IN THE SALE OF TEXTILE MACHINERY AND OTHER EQUIPMENT. DURING THE KAUNDA VISIT, INDIA SIGNED THREE THREE-YEAR RENEWABLE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS IN THE ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL, AND CULTURAL FIELDS, AND A PROTOCOL PLEDGING TO GIVE FULL IMPLEMENTATION TO THE AGREEMENTS, THE PROTOCOL ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES INDIA'S ASSISTANCE OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS IN SUPPLYING SOME 2000 INDIAN ENGINEERS, DOCTORS, AND NURSES. INDIA IS HOPEFUL OF REDRESSING THE UNFAVORABLE BALANCE OF TRADE WITH ZAMBIA, OWING TO SUBSTANTIAL INDIAN IMPORTS OF ZAMBIAN COPPER AND ZINC AND VIRTUALLY NO EXPORTS TO ZAMBIA. HOWEVER, MEA OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY DO NOT EXPECT RAPID OR IMMEDIATE INCREASES IN INDIAN EXPORTS TO EITHER TANZANIA OR ZAMBIA.

2. BOTH KAWAWA AND KAUNDA HELD TALKS WITH MRS. GANDHI. KAWAWA ALSO TOURED DELHI, AGRA, PANIPAT, BANGALORE, GOA, AND BOMBAY. HE VISITED THE OKHLA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, INDIAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, WEAVING CENTER, CHARAUNDA INDUSTRIAL AREA, HINDUSTAN MACHINE TOOLS, BHARAT ELECTRONICS, HINDUSTAN AERONAUTICS, AND THE BHABHA ATOMIC RESEARCH CENTER. KAUNDA WAS AWARDED THE NEHRU AWARD FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, VISITED HISTORICAL SITES IN THE DELHI AREA, AND PARTICIPATED IN THE 26 JANUARY REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS.

3. POLITICALLY, THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE VISITS REFLECTED THE STANDARD RHETORIC OF INDO-AFRICAN COMMUNIQUE: INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE, PLACING ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND UNDERDEVELOPED NATIONS ON A "JUST AND EQUITABLE BASIS," OPPOSITION TO WHITE RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, CONDEMNATION OF ISRAELI AGGRESSION IN WEST ASIA. OF SOME SIGNIFICANCE WAS TANZANIA'S RELUCTANCE TO ENDORSE INDIA'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM. ZAMBIA ALSO ANNOUNCED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN NEW DELHI IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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